GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

A B S T R A C T

Public Services - Agriculture & Cooperation Department – Departmental Proceedings against Sri K.Maruthi Reddy, the then Assistant Director of Agriculture (SdTL) Yemmiganur (Retired) – Failed to be vigilant at the time of supplies made by the suppliers to the O/o A.D.A (SdTL.) Yemmiganur, as the supplies equipment is not according to the specifications mentioned in tender document etc. - Departmental Proceedings under APCS(CC&A) Rules, 1991 read with Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 - Articles of Charge - Issued.

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AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 473 **Dated: 16-06-2025**

Read the following:

1. From the Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Lr.No.AGC02-32026(32)/4/2024, dt.23.01.2025.
2. Govt. Memo.No. AGC01-AGRI/162/2025-VIG-I, A& C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.13.03.2025& 26.05.2025.
3. From the Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Lr.No.AGC02-2369022/2024, dt.30.05.2025.
4. G.O.Ms.No.22, A & C (Vig.I) Dept. dt.16.06.2025.

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O R D E R :

In pursuance of the sanction accorded by the Government under sub clause (i) of clause (b) of sub-rule(2) of Rule 9 of the A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, for instituting departmental proceedings against Sri K.Maruthi Reddy, the then Assistant Director of Agriculture (SdTL) Yemmiganur and subsequently retired, in the reference 4th read above, it is proposed to hold an inquiry against the said Sri K.Maruthi Reddy, the then Assistant Director of Agriculture (SdTL) Yemmiganur and subsequently retired, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services(CC&A) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or mis-behaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Articles of Charge (Annexure-I). Statement of imputation of misconduct or mis-behaviour in support of each Articles of Charge is enclosed as Annexure-II. A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the Articles of Charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed as Annexure III and IV.

3. Sri K.Maruthi Reddy, the then Assistant Director of Agriculture (SdTL) Yemmiganur and subsequently retired, is directed to submit Written Statement of Defense(WSD) within (10) days of the receipt of this order.

4. Sri K.Maruthi Reddy, the then Assistant Director of Agriculture (SdTL) Yemmiganur and subsequently retired, is further informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those Articles of Charge which are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each Articles of Charge.

5. Sri K.Maruthi Reddy, the then Assistant Director of Agriculture (SdTL) Yemmiganurand subsequently retired is further informed that if he does not submit his Written Statement of Defense (WSD) on or before the date specified in Para (3) above or does not appear in person before the Inquiring Authority or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him ex-parte.

6. Attention of Sri K.Maruthi Reddy, the then Assistant Director of Agriculture (SdTL) Yemmiganur and subsequently retired, is invited to rule 24 of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that he is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of rule 24 of the A. P. Civil Service (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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7. The receipt of the G.O. must be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B. RAJSEKHAR
EX-OFFICIO SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:
Sri K.Maruthi Reddy, the then Assistant Director of Agriculture (SdTL)
Yemmiganur (Retired)
(through the Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur)

Copy to:
The Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, with a request to serve the original G.O. on the Charged Officer and receive his dated acknowledgement on the duplicate copy and furnish the same to Government.
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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI K. MARUTHI REDDY, THE THEN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (SEED TESTING LABORATORY), YEMMIGANUR AND NOW RETIRED

Article of Charge - I:

"that Sri K.Maruthi Reddy, while working as A.D.A. (SdTL.), Yemmiganur has procured 6 numbers of Planting boards of vacuum system, but failed to be vigilant at the time of the supplies made by the supplier to the O/o A.D.A. (SdTL.), Yemmiganur, as the supplied equipment is not according to the specifications mentioned in tender document. Thus, he exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct of an unbecoming Government Servant which attract violation of Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964.

Article of Charge - II :

"that Sri K. Maruthi Reddy, while working as A.D.A.(SdTL.), Yemmiganur, 2 numbers of Manual Seed Counting Boards supplied by the supplier to the O/o A.D.A. (SdTL.), Yemmiganur were not handed over to his successor at the time of his retirement. Thus, he exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct of an unbecoming Government Servant which attract violation of Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964".

Article of Charge - III :

"that Sri K.Maruthi Reddy, while working as A.D.A.(SdTL.), Yemmiganur has misutilised an amount of Rs.2,00,000, which was directly released to the S.B.A/c. of the A.D.A. (SdTL.), Yemmiganur No.915010013072117, Axis Bank, Yemmiganur by the Commissioner and Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur for the purpose of conduct of basic orientation training programme to the A.E.Os. in 6 spells from 02.02.2021 to 12.03.2021. But, Sri K.Maruthi Reddy, while working as A.D.A.(SdTL.), Yemmiganur has utilized the said amount for other purposes without obtaining prior permission from the competent authorities and also submitted irrelevant vouchers for an amount of Rs.2,44,561/- to the office. Thus, he exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct of an unbecoming Government Servant which attract violation of Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964".

Sd/- B. RAJSEKHAR
EX-OFFICIO SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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ANNEXURE - II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI K. MARUTHI REDDY, THE THEN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (SEED TESTING LABORATORY), YEMMIGANUR AND NOW RETIRED

IN RESPECT OF THE CHARGE-I:

On receipt of a preliminary report from the Deputy Director of Agriculture (Soil Conservation), Kurnool regarding the misutilisation of Government funds which were released for the purpose of conduct of orientation training programme to AEOs, which was utilized for different purposes deviating guidelines by Sri K.Maruthi Reddy, while working as A.D.A. (SdTL.), Yemmiganur and the Planting boards of vacuum system 6 Nos. supplied to the O/o A.D.A. (SdTL.), Yemmiganur are in deviation to the specifications mentioned in tender document. The details of tender specifications are as follows.

S. No.	Scheme	Supplied Firm	Name of the Item	Specification of the Item	Invoice No.	Quantity supplied (in Nos.)	Rate per each item including of all taxes (in Rs.)
1.	RKVY 2016-17	M/s LCGC Bio Analytic Solutions LLP, Hyderabad	Planting Boards Paddy-1 No. Cotton-1No. Maize-1 No. G.Nut-1 No. Jowar-1 No. Bajra-1 No.	With 100 holes, Hoffman Manufacturing Inc. USA, Type of Seed Used: Paddy-3 Nos. Cotton-2 Nos. Maize-1 No. G.Nut.-1No Jowar, Bajra - 1 No.	G17854 Dt.26.03 2018	6 Nos.	169920

IN RESPECT OF THE CHARGE-II:

Sri K.Maruthi Reddy, while working as A.D.A. (Sd.T.L), Yemmiganur, has submitted a letter No.SDTL/6/2016-17 Dt.26.03.2018 to the Joint Director of Agriculture, Kurnool, wherein, he stated that M/s LCGC BIOANALYHTIC SOLUTIONS, LLP, Hyderabad supplied the Counting Boards 2 Nos. and submitted the certified invoice and also requested to the sanctioned the amount to the concerned firm. and he has not handed over to his successor at the time of his retirement. The details of the tender specifications.

S. No.	Scheme	Supplied Firm	Name of the Item	Specification of the Item	Invoice No.	Quantity supplied (in Nos.)	Rate per each item including of all taxes (in Rs.)
1.	RKVY 2016-17	M/s LCGC Bio Analytic Solutions LLP, Hyderabad	Manual Seed Counting Boards	Hoffman Manufactu ring Inc. USA	G17854 Dt.26.03 .2018	2 Nos.	41300

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IN RESPECT OF THE CHARGE-III:

On receipt of a preliminary report from the Deputy Director of Agriculture (Soil Conservation), Kurnool regarding the misutilisation of Government funds which were released for the purpose of conduct of orientation training programmes to AEOs, but utilized for different purposes deviating guidelines by Sri K.Maruthi Reddy, while working as A.D.A.(SdTL.), Yemmiganur and drawn an amount of Rs.2,44,561/-without obtaining prior permission from the competent authorities and also submitted irrelevant vouchers to the office.

a. Bank Details:

S.No.	Years	Name of the Bank	Account No.	Amount drawn (in Rs.)
1.	2021-22	Axis Bank, Yemmiganur	No.915010013072117 IFSC: UTI80002111	2,44,561

b. Details of Expenditure Incurred for the released amount of Rs.2.0 Lakhs meant for A.E.O., Trainings as Advance Amount by the C &D.A.. A.P., Guntur to the O/o A.D.A. (SdTL), Yemmiganur on 22.04.2021 as follows.:

S. No	Voucher No.	Cheque No.	Dated	Issue to	Amount (in Rs.)	Purpose	Remarks
1.	06/2020-21	62795	26.04.2021	Sri K.Maruthi Reddy, A.D.A (Sd.TL.), Yemmiganur (Retired)	3600	Supply of water cans for the months of January, 2020 to March, 2020	Sri K.Maruthi Reddy, A.D.A (Sd.TL.), Yemmiganur (Retired) has self drawn Rs.244561/- amount in cheques not for training purpose. Further no due certificate issued and taken by himself during his retirement on 30.06.2021
2.	04/2020-21	62796	26.04.2021		4913	Towards Diesel Charges	
3.	05/2020-21	62797	26.04.2021		4800	Towards the cost of Labour charges for the month of Febrauary, 2020.	
4.	03/2020-21	62798	26.04.2021		3600	Towards the cost of 120 water cans for the months of October, 2019 to December, 2019	
5.	07/2020-21	62799	26.04.2021		4800	Towards the cost of Labour charges for the month of March, 2020.	
6.	08/2020-21	62800	26.04.2021		4899	Towards Diesel Charges	
7.	09/2020-21	62801	26.04.2021		4954	Towards Diesel Charges	
8.	11/2020-21	62803	26.04.2021		4900	Towards Diesel Charges	

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9.	1A/2020-21 1B/2020-21	62802	26.04.2021		4800	80+80 Water Cans June, 2019 to Sept. 2019	
10.	12/2020-21	62804	26.04.2021		4805	Towards Stationary Bill Dt.180.5.2020	
11.	13/2020-21	62805	26.04.2021		4860	Towards Stationary Bill Dt.18.05.2020	
12.	14/2020-21	62806	26.04.2021		4890	Towards Washroom Cleaning Liquids, Brushes, Soaps Bill Dt.18.05.2020	
13.	15/2020-21	62807	26.04.2021		4890	Towards Stationary Bill Dt.18.05.2020	
14.	16/2020-21	62808	26.04.2021		4910	Towards Stationary Bill Dt.18.05.2020	
15.	18A/2020-21 18B/2020-21	62809	26.04.2021		4950	Towards Toner bill Dt. 28.05.2020 & 19.06.2020	
16.	17/2020-21	62810	26.04.2021		4999	Towards Stationary Bill Dt.18.05.2020	
17.	10/2020-21	62741	26.04.2021		4800	Towards Labour Charges for the month of April 2020	
18.	20/2020-21	62742	26.04.2021		4960	Towards Diesel Charges bill Dt.01.06.2020	
19.	21A/2020-21	62743	26.04.2021		4999	Miscellaneous items Dt.15.06.2020 to 23.10.2020	
20.	02/2020-21	62794	26.04.2021		4942	Towards diesel amount bill Dt.06.12.2019	
21.	19/2020-21	62744	26.04.2021		4800	Towards Labour charges for the month of May, 2020	

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22.	23/2020-21	62745	26.04.2021		4974	Towards Diesel amount bill Dt.03.07.2020	
23.	24/2020-21	62746	26.04.2021		4800	Towards 160 water cans for the month of April, 2020 to July, 2020 bill Dt. 31.07.2020	
24.	22/2020-21	62747	26.04.2021		4800	Towards Labour charges for the month of June, 2020.	
25.	25/2020-21	62749	26.04.2021		4800	Towards Labour charges for the month of July, 2020.	
26.	27/2020-21	62750	26.04.2021		4800	Towards Labour charges for the month of August, 2020.	
27.	28/2020-21	62752	26.04.2021		4800	Towards Labour charges for the month of September, 2020.	
28.	31A,B,C/2020-21	62753	26.04.2021		4660	Towards Toners cloth bags, cello kraft bill Dt.20.11.2020	
29.	32/2020-21	62754	26.04.2021		4800	Towards 160 water cans bill Dt.27.11.2020	
30.	30/2020-21	62755	26.04.2021		4800	Towards Labour charges for the month of October, 2020	
31.	34/2020-21	62756	26.04.2021		4990	Towards Diesel charges bill Dt.10.02.2020	
32.	33/2020-21	62757	26.04.2021		4800	Towards Diesel Charges for the month of November, 2020	

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33.	35/2020-21	62758	26.04.2021		4800	Towards Labour charges for the amount of December, 2020	
34.	29/2020-21	62751	26.04.2021		4995	Towards Diesel charges bill Dt.06.10.2020	
35.	37A,B,C,D/ 2020-21	62759	26.04.2021		4824	Towards Toner Filling, Miscellaneous Bill Dt.03.02.2021 to 20.04.2021	
36.	36/2020-21	62761	26.04.2021		4800	Towards Labour charges for the month of January, 2021	
37.	39/2020-21	62762	26.04.2021		4800	Towards Labour charges for the month of Febrauary, 2021	
38.	40/2020-21	62763	26.04.2021		4800	Towards Labour charges for the month of March, 2021	
39.	42/2020-21	62793	26.04.2021		4800	Towards Labour charges for the month of April, 2021	
40.	26/2020-21	62748	26.04.2021		4928	Towards Diesel charges bill Dt.05.08.2020	
41.	38/2020-21	62760	26.04.2021		4919	Towards Diesel charges bill Dt.06.02.2021	
42.	41/2020-21	62764	03.05.2021		4800	Towards 160 water cans for the month of December, 2020 to March, 2021 bill Dt.21.04.2021	

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43.	47/2020-21	62769	07.06.2021		9000	Towards LPG pipeline fitting and labour bill Dt.12.12.2019	
44.	46/2020-21	62768	07.06.2021		9200	Towards Clams, Valves Regulators Bill Dt.12.12.2019	
45.	44/2020-21	62767	07.06.2021		10000	Towards 40 feet LPG Pipe line bill Dt.02.12.2019	
46.	43/2020-21	62765	07.06.2021		4800	Towards labour charges for the month of May, 2021	
47.	45/2020-21	62766	07.06.2021		10000	Towards 40 feet LPG Pipe line Bill Dt.12.12.2019	
	Total				**244561**		

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI K. MARUTHI REDDY, THE THEN ADA (SDTL), YEMMIGANUR (PRESENTLY RETIRED) PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED:-

1. Memo.NO.AGCO2-32026(32)/9/2024, dt:17.07.2024 of O/o the C&DA, AP, Guntur.
2. Lr.No.A/3/2024, dt:20.08.2024 of the DDA (SC) Kurnool.
3. Lr.No.A1/414167/2021, dt:10.10.2024 of the DAO, Kurnool.
4. Lr.No.AGCO2-32026(32)/4/2024,dt:23.01.2025 of O/o C&DA, AP, Guntur.
5. Memo.NO.AGCO1-AGRI/162/2025-VIG-I,dt: 13.03.2025 of the Ex-Officio Special Chief Secretary to Government.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESS BY WHOM ARTICLE OF CHARGE FARMED AGAINST SRI K. MARUTHI REDDY, THE THEN ADA (SDTL), YEMMIGANUR (PRESENTLY RETIRED) PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

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